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SUBJECT: TTBT:PNE NEGOTIATIONS: 48TH RESTRICTED MEETING APRIL 3

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 223

1. SUMMARY: AGREEMENT REACHED ON NUMBERS OF OBSERVERS, LSN OPERATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY. ONLY OBSERVER PRESENCE 100-150 KT AND EXCEPTION REMAIN. END SUMMARY.

2. NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL - US HANDED OVER TEXT (SEPTTEL) OF OBSERVER PARAGRAPH BASED ON SOVIET PROPOSAL OF YESTERDAY BUT PROVIDING FOR N PLUS 8 IN 150-500 KT YIELD RANGE. AGREEMENT REACHED AT N PLUS 7.

3. LOCAL SEISMIC NET AND PHOTOGRAPH - SOVIETS ASKED IF WE COULD ACCEPT THEIR PROPOSAL OF 48 HOURS POST-SHOT OPERATION "UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY PARTIES". AMBASSADOR PROPOSED 4 DAYS. MOROKHOV SAID THIS WOULD CREATE "INSURMOUNTABLE" DIFFICULTIES. AGREEMENT REACHED AT 3 DAYS UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED, AND 8 DAYS POST-SHOT PRESENCE FOR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. US DELETED PROVISION FOR TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY OBSERVERS AT HOST PARTY DISCRETION.

4. OBSERVER PRESENCE - MOROKHOV REPEATED SOVIET POSITION THAT OBSERVER PRESENCE BETWEEN 100-150 KT MUST BE BY INVITATION, BUT

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OFFERED TO ADD "UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED". AMBASSADOR REITERATED

US POSITION.

5. EXCEPTIONS - AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED TO LEAD MOROKHOV BACK TO HIS FEBRUARY DEFINITION OF EXCEPTIONS AS CLOSELY SPACED GROUPS. MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT SOVIETS STILL BELIEVED THAT THERE SHOULD BE PROVISION FOR INDIVIDUAL SHOT ABOVE 150 KT UNDER SPECIAL AND AGREED VERIFICATION MEASURES. SAID CLOSELY SPACED GROUPS ONLY ONE PARTICULAR CASE AND HE AND AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE TO WORK ON PROBLEM IN "MORE RESTRICTED MEETING". SUCH MEETING AGREED FOR MONDAY PM. FINAL COMPARISON OF ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN TEXTS WILL BE CONDUCTED MONDAY AM.

6. IN ONE-ON-ONE AFTER MEETING, MOROKHOV TOLD STOESSEL THAT SOVIETS COULD SUGGEST TREATY LANGUAGE ABOUT "EXCEPTIONS" ALONG THESE LINES:

BEGIN TEXT:

INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS HAVING A YIELD EXCEEDING 150 KILOTONS MAY BE CARRIED OUT ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

END TEXT.

7. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIETS COULD ALSO ACCEPT FORMULATION OF "MAY NOT BE CARRIED OUT" TYPE IF US PREFERRED. MOROKHOV SAID THAT IF SOME SUCH APPROACH TO TREATY LANGUAGE WERE ADOPTED, THEN PROTOCOL ARTICLE VI PARA 9 COULD ALSO BE AMENDED TO FIND MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY LANGUAGE.

8. STOESSEL REHEARSED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY:
(A) "INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS" THAT ARE REALLY CLOSELY-SPACED GROUPS MADE UP OF INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIVES EACH WITH YIELD LESS THAN 150 KT , AND

(B) "INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS" THAT ARE LITERALLY PRODUCED BY A SINGLE EXPLOSIVE OF YIELD OVER 150 KT. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIETS WANT TO PROVIDE FOR POSSIBILITY OF USING BOTH TYPES.

9. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIET COOULD NOT ACCEPT APPROACH OF COMPLETELY PRECULGING INDIVIDUAL EXPOSIONS WITH YIELDS GREATER THAN 150 KILO-
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TONS PENDING REVIEW AFTER FIVE YEEAR, AND HE SAID THERE MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE PROJECTS USING SUCH EXPLOSIONS EARLIER THAN FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.

10. MOROKHOV (AS IN RESTRICTED MEETING) SAID SOVIETS COULD AGREE TO QUALIFY "INVITATION" APPROACH TO OBSERVE PRESENCE 100-150 KILO- TONS BY ADDING SUITABLE PHRASE OF THE "UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES" TYPE.

11. COMMENT: THESE REMARKS OF MOROKHOV'S ENCOURAGE THE VIEW THAT
THE TWO REMAINING ISSUES ARE NEGOTIABLE IN SOME FORM. END COMMENT.
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